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Functioning of Food Processing Units in Uttar Pradesh

*393. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of food processing units running in Uttar Pradesh at present;

(b) the total investment and production by these units; and

(c) the details of financial assistance provided by Government during the last three years for setting up of new food processing units and cold storage in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its Plan Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/Establishment of Food Processing Industries, extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of Plant & Machinery and Technical Civil works subject to maximum of 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in Difficult areas to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs for setting up/modernization/technology upgradation of food processing industries. Food Processing Industries are both in organized and unorganized sectors and as such, data of food processing units operating in the country including those operating in Uttar Pradesh, the investments made and their production details are not centrally maintained. During the Tenth Plan period, the Ministry has approved grant for setting up/modernization/technology upgradation of 110 food processing units in Uttar Pradesh.

During the last three years i.e. 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, the Ministry has approved a grant of Rs. 3534.4 lakhs for assisting 99 food processing units and Rs. 9.05 lakhs for one cold storage in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

As regards the registered and unregistered units, according to Ministry of Small Scale Industries, as per 3rd Census (2001-02) on Small Scale Industry, the information in respect of Uttar Pradesh is as below:

(Rs. in crore)

| Category | No. of working units | Gross Output |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Registered | 29,486 | 2679.05 |
| Unregistered | 3,46,923 | 2462.19 |

Power situation in the country

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SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total power requirements of the country per day at present, State-wise;

(b) the production capacity per day at present along with the details of the shortfall, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for the gap between the requirement and the production of power; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to fill this gap as people are put to severe hardships due to power shut down particularly during summer months?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The power requirement in the country varies in each State on a day to day and hour to hour basis. The power requirement of the country during March, 2007 was 61564 Million Units (MU) which works out to 1986 MU per day. The power requirement of a State is met by generation from its own sources, its share in Center Sector Stations and power procured from other States. The availability of power in the country during March, 2007